

Devoting Support <sup>to our</sup>

# FAITH

Community

## STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during  
the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# Staying Connected During COVID-19

We have been praying for our parish family members at Church of the Resurrection, especially since the start of this pandemic.

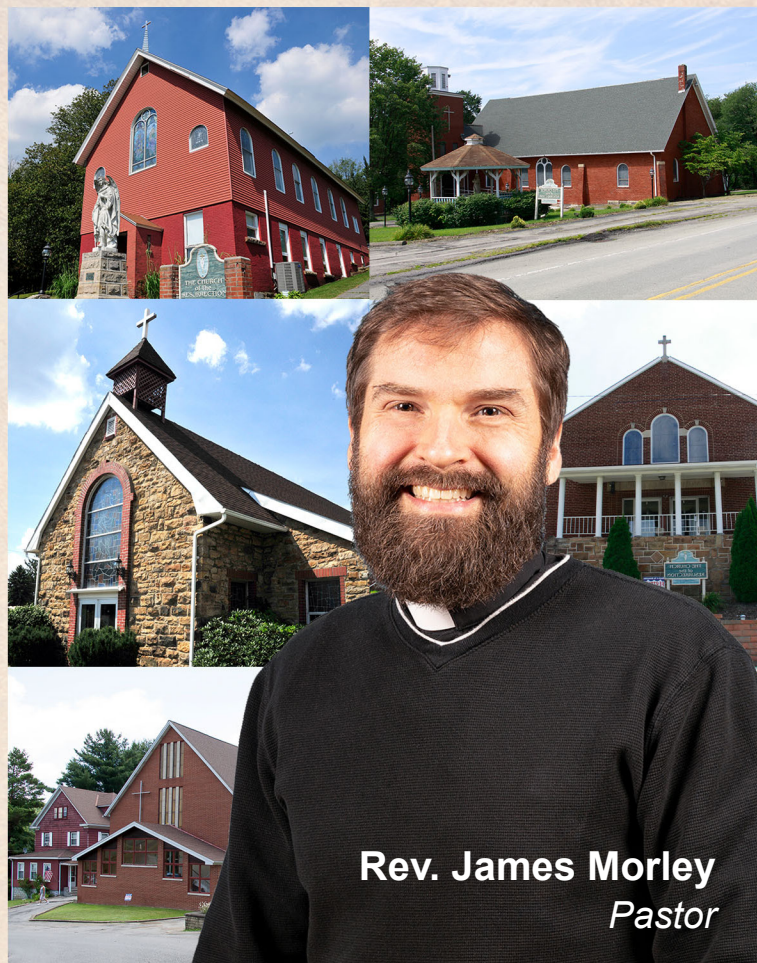
I know there have been many challenges for our parishioners during this difficult year. We hope and pray that we can be a source of hope for you and your family both now and in the future! When things appear to be the darkest, the Light of Christ is ready to shine through!

When public Masses were placed on hold in early March and many health restrictions were in place, we made sure to post all applicable signs and updates at all of our church sites, including updated schedules for private prayer and sanitization protocols staying up to date with all available information we received.

We shared all applicable updates on our social media Facebook page, maintained our weekly bulletin and administrative operations, and posted instructional videos on our social media platform when public Masses resumed.

Also shared were a number of reflections in our bulletin and social media to provide words of hope in a much-needed time. We maintained office operations to answer all calls and/or concerns, sacramental requests, and questions regarding the pandemic.

We also began a call-out program ministry to the elderly and homebound in our parish. We maintained safe and clean environments in all of our churches in our large geographical area for times in private prayer and for public Masses when they resumed on June 1.



**Rev. James Morley**  
*Pastor*

## Ways You Can Give



**Church of the Resurrection**  
349 Morris St.  
Clymer, PA 15728



**Parish Office Hours**  
Mon - Thur  
9 AM to 4 PM

**Friday**  
9 AM to 12 PM



[www.churchresurrection.org](http://www.churchresurrection.org)

Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online or by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail or by visiting our website for online offertory.

# COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community

When all of this happened in early March of this year, we worried about the future of our parish.

Despite fear and uncertainty, God was with us! Our parish offertory remained strong in relation to the complexity of the circumstances we found ourselves in this year. This was, of course, due to the generosity and care of our parishioners and I cannot stress our gratitude enough!

We were also able to provide our new online offertory option for donations that created a digital way to give in ordinary and special offertory right from our parish website.

This is still a new option of giving for many, but we hope that it will continue to “take hold” and grow as a convenient way to support the Church in today’s modern world. The success of our Diocesan Lenten Appeal was tremendous and again is thanks to all of you who were able to contribute.



## Parish Statistics



### Registered Households



2018: 878  
2019: 774  
2020: 671

### Single Member Households



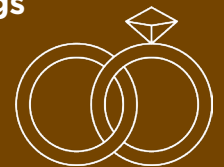
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### Baptisms



2018: 12  
2019: 21  
2020: 5

### Weddings



2018: 6  
2019: 8  
2020: 0

### Funerals



2018: 23  
2019: 31  
2020: 10

## Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 354,988	\$ 361,141	\$ 334,418
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	35,530	35,597	30,391
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	87,162	99,437	103,732
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	21,769	14,291	19,515
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	53,333	71,541	146,839
<b>Special Collections</b>	38,354	37,065	22,684
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 591,135</b>	<b>\$ 619,073</b>	<b>\$ 657,578</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 198,639	\$ 185,716	\$ 193,733
<i>Church</i>	38,133	41,917	40,027
<i>Rectory</i>	13,864	16,630	17,578
<i>Education and Ministry</i>	24,822	19,301	23,848
<i>General Expenses</i>	212,274	225,938	275,935
<i>Special Collections</i>	38,354	37,065	22,684
<i>Extraordinary Expenses</i>	68,868	89,587	67,140
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>594,954</b>	<b>616,154</b>	<b>640,946</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (3,818)</b>	<b>\$ 2,919</b>	<b>\$ 16,632</b>

# Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain our facilities, so they remain centers of prayer and worship in our communities. Over the last five years, we have provided upgrades and maintenance to all of our church sites. We are working to create a detailed list of all facility improvements made over the recent years to be made available on our website.

Most recently, we installed a brand new power box in Rossiter Church and Rectory updating our control and supply to the proper modern safety standards.

In Glen Campbell, we provided much needed window replacements and through the generosity of a kind parishioner, we have received a brand new, state of the art parking lot.

In Ernest, a new light and light pole have been installed. A renovation to the gazebo is underway. The basement has been cleared and more renovations are in the works. Mini split air conditioning units were installed within the last two years in the church that provide additional air conditioning and heat. Ernest also received the first of the brand-new signs to be installed at all sites.

Heilwood received a brand new, state of the art digital bell control system. A lot of cleaning out and proper maintenance has been done here as well.

In Clymer, the entrance to Gilead Hall was completely redone and made handicapped-accessible within the previous three years. The steps outside of the garage have been recently replaced, both Clymer site garages have been organized and completely redone for festival storage and general church maintenance supply organization.

Clymer received an upgrade with mini split air conditioning in the church social hall less than two years ago. The front handrails were painted. These are just a few of the many improvements that have been made most recently and within a few years.

All sites are receiving dedicated workdays in which much needed painting, minor repairs, and upgrades are provided.

## Ministries at Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection Parish encourages its parishioners to participate in one of our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### **Altar Server**

Altar servers assist the priest in preparing for Mass. The servers take part in the liturgy by performing tasks to help the priest celebrate the Eucharist. Children who received their First Holy Communion can be altar servers. (Temporarily on hold due to COVID-19).

### **Liturgy Arts and Environment**

Assist with the arts and environment needs of the church throughout the year. The group offers ideas, talents, and the valuable hands-on assistance to help create the beauty of our worship space.

### **Choirs & Cantors**

Provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy. (Temporarily on hold due to COVID 19).

### **Communion Ministers to the Homebound**

These ministers assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion. (Temporarily on hold due to COVID-19).

### **Sacristan**

Sacristans are charged with the care of the sacristy, the church and their contents.

### **Ushers, Greeters, Ministers of Hospitality**

Ushers take up the offertory, distribute bulletins after Mass and assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.

Greeters welcome those who are attending Mass.

Ministers of Hospitality are new to the parish. They help assist ushers at each Mass and also assist those attending in fulfilling the special expectations that need to be observed in light of the pandemic.

### **Marriage Sponsor Couples**

The parish is in need of couples to share in the preparation process for engaged couples as they ready for the sacrament of matrimony.